

Dillard Wetland

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Overview

Tucked along the western side of the London Avenue Canal across from the Dillard University campus in the Dillard section of Gentilly is a 27-acre dense woodland owned by the City of New Orleans. The Dillard Wetlands project seeks transforms the site into an educational and recreational natural preserve open to the public, schools, and connects to the Dillard University campus via a new pedestrian bridge.

The Dillard Wetlands are a project within the Gentilly Resilience District, a combination of efforts across Gentilly to reduce flood risk and slow land subsidence. The city's first Resilience District uses various approaches to water and land management that have been successfully piloted throughout New Orleans. When implemented together, these approaches are intended to beautify neighborhoods, improve health, and provide opportunities for recreation. The project is being implemented through federal funding from FEMA through Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC).

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Timeline



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